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## CURRENT TOPICS.

**TEXAS** has a paper called the *Bolton*. Coal dealers and ice men are jubilant. JOHN JACOB ASTOR is worth \$15,000,000. THERE were 28 suicides in Vienna last year.

HOB INDEPENDENT'S hair is as white as snow.

PETROLEUM has been discovered in Palestine, Tex.

BROOKLYN is threatened with an epidemic of smallpox.

ILLINOIS has seven lady county superintendents of schools.

SENATOR BROWN, of Georgia, says he has no idea of resigning.

THE present winter is the coldest for years in Washington.

THIS month has five Sundays, with four changes of the moon.

LONDON workmen are crying: "Give us work or give us bread!"

THERE is an increase of Mexican ore coming into the United States.

THE ice crop in this country promises to be extraordinarily abundant.

IT is said the Mormon lobby in Washington has already cost the church \$250,000.

SAM SMALL has returned to journalism having taken charge of the *Southern Star* of Dallas.

KING KALAKA received no fewer than five copies of the Bible on his fiftieth anniversary.

GOVERNOR LEE, of Virginia, is credited with being the champion checker-player of the South.

IN New York City there are 9,000 families who receive help from charitable associations and the city.

IN Scotland, Pa., the authorities propose to prosecute a physician who lost a patient through carelessness.

A GOLDEN throne, presented by the people of Naples, has been sent to Rome as a jubilee gift to the Pope.

M. PASTERIS is to retire from active practice soon to avoid paralysis, with which he is threatened.

IT is said that in the last Gladstone birth day ball Miss Helen Gladstone danced with her father's cousin.

THE Post office Department has refused to sanction the naming of post offices after "Sitting Bull" and "Heron."

HANS HAWSEN, of Minnesota, has a daughter twelve years old, who has plowed 12 acres of his farm for him.

THIRTY thousand dollars was found in an old sash of a venerable woman who died at Fort Pleasant, N. J., lately.

NINE persons who are between one hundred and one hundred and nine years of age died in Philadelphia last year.

THE Prohibitionists have one hundred and twenty-nine organs in the United States to the liquor dealers' eight.

AT a party in Middletown, Conn., the guests piled their wraps on a bed, finally smothering a baby which was asleep in the bed.

THE oldest library in the world is that of Kwatoze Kien, which was established during the Chow dynasty in China (B. C., 1122).

IN the United States three newspapers are devoted to the silk-worm, six to the honey-bee, and not less than thirty-two to poultry.

THE Empress of Austria and Queen Olga of Greece, are said to be about the only reigning women in Europe who can be called beautiful.

THREE women fully qualified and accredited to practice medicine lately sailed for India, where there is said to be great demand for their services.

THE fish hatchery at Potoskey, Mich., has 224,000 young white fish waiting to be planted in the spring. The output will be larger than ever before.

A CHICAGO butcher admits that two-thirds of the canned meat sold in the markets there is chicken in reality the meat of rabbits that have been long frozen.

QUEEN VICTORIA has received a fortune of \$1,000,000 through the death of William Heathcote, of Hillingdon, he dying intestate and without any known relatives.

AN Englishman in Colorado who was without means blew out his brains just two minutes before a friend came in with a letter from home enclosing him a draft for \$1,000.

AT the recent meeting of the Ministerial Council, the Czar declared that he would have no war, and actually shook his fist at one of the ministers who had manifested bellicose views.

THE Queen mother of Spain has made an agreement with her creditors by which she keeps \$500,000 of her revenue and they take the remaining \$130,000. Her life is heavily insured.

THE thermometer at Fort Keogh, Mont., a few days ago, nearly had the bottom knocked out of them, the mercury going down to fifty degrees below zero—the coldest of the season.

LITTLE Delaware seems to be well prepared for a rainy day. Its debt is only \$24,750, and against this it has interest-bearing assets to the amount of \$1,088,709.

LEGISLATOR CALLAHAN, of Westmoreland County, Pa., is catching it at home for making a motion that prayer be dispensed with by the House. There is talk of a petition for his resignation.

THERE are seven hundred religious and denominational papers published in the United States, and nearly one-third of them are printed in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago.

THE "living skeleton" Isaac W. Sprague, died in Chicago of apoplexy. He was one of the greatest frooks in the world. Five years ago he sold his body to the Harvard medical college for \$1,000.

A MAN in Ontario can repeat perfectly 166 chapters of the Bible, fifty-eight psalms and every collect, epistle and gospel in the ecclesiastical year, according to the English Church Prayer-Book.

ON a pair of stilts (also on a wagon), a young man crossed the bridge on the Hudson river at Rinecliff, N. Y., recently, and won by making the entire distance, nearly two miles, without a fall.

SNOW-PEAS require 100,000 cords of timber annually in their manufacture; matches, 300,000; lard and beef tallow, 500,000. This is of the most superior quality, and is well graded and clear of knots and gum.

## NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION

### Pittsburgh Firemen Burned in a Horrible Manner.

Carelessness on the Part of a Plumber Causes the Disaster.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 12.—Assistant Chief of the Fire Department, John Steele, and five firemen were terribly burned at a fire on Thirtieth street this morning. Steele may die from his injuries. Two of the others are seriously burned and may also die. Their injuries were received from an explosion of natural gas, due to the carelessness of a plumber, who was putting some additional fixtures into the house where the accident occurred without first having shut off the gas. The alarm was turned in about half-past ten and four companies were soon on the ground. The fire was in the cellar, and the firemen got their hose run out and then went down into the cellar. An employee of the gas company arrived and attempted to shut off the gas at the stop-cock. It was twisted out of place and he could not do it. At the time Chief Evans, Assistant Chief John Steele and five or six firemen were down in the cellar. The water was turned on the flames, which by this time were making rapid progress. All at once there was a sharp, deafening explosion. Smoke and flames burst out upon the street, driving back the crowd of people who had assembled. Cries of pain were heard, and then it dawned upon the firemen who were on the street that their fellow employees were down among the flames. The wall of the building had been blown out by the explosion. Above all the confusion could be heard the cries of Assistant Chief Steele, who was calling for some one to help him out. The firemen, regardless of their own danger, rushed down the cellar-way. Here and there a scorched fireman was groping his way out of the cellar-way. Then the firemen came across Assistant Chief Steele. He was groping about, blinded by the flames and by the terrible heat he had received about the face. He was brought out to the open air, but was unable to speak. His face was burned in a terrible manner, and his hands were so badly burned that the flesh in some places was broken open and exposed the bones. He was taken into the nearest drug store, where surgical attention was given him, and a carriage was procured and he was taken home. Patrick Graham, of Truck A, was very seriously burned about the face and hands, and had to be taken to his home, on Center avenue, in a carriage. He is badly hurt, but it was not thought by those who saw him that he was fatally injured. Joseph Milligan, also of Truck A, was seriously burned about the face and hands, and was taken to his home on High street. These three were the most seriously burned.

### Rather Burn Than Jump.

PONTIAC, Mich., Jan. 12.—At 5 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in Banning's saloon, on Court street. When the department arrived it was plainly seen that the entire block would go. Three alarms were sounded, calling every company. White's jewelry store, Lorberg's merchant tailor store, and Miss McCleod's restaurant were quickly destroyed. While the flames were doing this destructive work a figure was seen in the second story front room of Banning's saloon. It proved to be Thomas Murphy, aged sixty, a boarder, half dazed. He answered the cries of jump with, "I would rather burn than jump." His charred remains were taken out shortly afterwards.

### Arkansas Legislature Organizes.

LITTLE ROCK, Jan. 12.—The State House of Representatives organized yesterday by electing John M. Hewitt, of Lee County, Speaker. He is an old member, and during the war was a Federal officer in a Kentucky regiment. J. W. Cullaway was elected clerk. The message of Governor Hughes, of Arkansas, shows a marked improvement in the State's financial condition, and a steady increase in general prosperity.

### A Bridge Falls With Terrible Result.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 12.—The iron passenger bridge spanning Raisin river, connecting the two principal portions of the village of Blissfield, ten miles east of this place, fell yesterday, intense cold causing the iron to contract and draw upon the supports. William Slinck and Charles Quigley, with a herd of cattle, were precipitated in the ice below. Both men are injured fatally.

### Died at a Revival Meeting.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 12.—During the progress of a revival meeting last night, at the Second Baptist Church, Mrs. Susan Brown, colored, jumped to her feet, shouting "Glory! Hallelujah!" and then dropped dead. Some minutes passed before the congregation realized the tragedy, and then a scene of great excitement was witnessed. Mrs. Brown was sixty-five years old, and was formerly a slave.

### Ohio Sportsmen Protecting Fish.

COLUMBUS, Jan. 12.—The sportsmen of the State held a meeting here to-night, and organized the Ohio Fish Protection Association. The following officers were elected: President, W. B. Shattuck, Cincinnati; secretary and treasurer, Wm. Sheppard, Columbus; corresponding secretary, G. L. Graham, Columbus.

### West Virginia Legislative Organization.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 12.—The Legislature convened at noon to-day and organized by electing George E. Price, of Mineral County, President of the Senate, and J. M. Rowan, of Monroe County, Speaker of the Lower House. J. D. Alderson, of Nicholas, was chosen Clerk of the Senate, and J. B. Peyton in the House.

### The Scarlet Scourge.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 12.—Scarletina in a malignant form is raging at Fulton. J. W. Blackman lost three children in twenty-four hours. School has been dismissed and protracted church services abandoned.

## THE CROPS OF 1886.

### How Our Corn, Wheat and Oat Fields Turned Out Last Year.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The Department of Agriculture estimates of area, product and value of corn, wheat and oats for permanent record are completed. The official work of the year has been thoroughly reviewed with the aid of State co-operation, and all available data of crop production and the aggregates are substantially those recently reported. The corn crop, in round numbers, aggregates 1,665,000,000 bushels, grown on 75,000,000 acres, and has a farm value of \$610,000,000. The yield is 22 bushels per acre—4½ bushels less than last year. The aggregate product of wheat is 457,000,000 bushels, from an area of 37,000,000 acres, having a farm value of \$314,000,000. The average value is 38.7 cents per bushel, against 77.1 in the previous crop. The product of oats is 624,000,000 bushels, 5,000,000 less than last year, from an area of over 23,000,000 acres, producing a value of \$136,000,000. The average yield is 26.4 bushels, against 27.6 last year. The average value is 28.8 cents per bushel; last year 28.5 cents per bushel.

### Actors Mobbed.

TOLSON, Ill., Jan. 13.—A dramatic company from Kansas City gave an entertainment at the City Hall last night. At the close of the performance a number of rough characters demanded the return of their money, and not getting it the manager and the members of the company were set upon by the toughs and shamefully beaten. Adam Gorman pursued one of the men half a square and a few minutes later was found with his left arm split open and a fearful gash near the breast. The mob then pursued the company to the Marion house, where the officers defended them from the mob. Gorman's injuries are probably fatal.

### A National Association of Builders.

BOSTON, Jan. 13.—The Master Builders' Convention completed arrangements yesterday to form a National Builders' Association. A convention for that purpose will be held at Chicago March 23 next. The Boston Builders' Association enjoyed a dinner at the Revere House last night. President Whitcomb presided, and among the guests were delegates representing associations in New York, Philadelphia, Detroit, Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Paul, Washington, Baltimore and other large cities.

### Fleishich Akin of Revenge.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—A North Yakima, Washington Territory, special says: A Chinaman at work on the Northern Pacific construction at Chellum, having had a quarrel with two of his countrymen, placed a giant powder cartridge between them while they were asleep, and lighting the fuse, went to a place of safety. The explosion blew out the entire side of one of the Chinamen, while the other was so badly mutilated that he can not recover.

### Crushed by a Falling Wall.

DETROIT, Jan. 13.—While workmen were pulling down the ruins of a burned building this afternoon about twenty feet of the wall fell on two boys and a man. The latter was badly crushed by the falling bricks. The boys were so badly injured that they were taken out for dead. They have revived, but their recovery is doubtful.

### Judge Turpie Beats McDonald.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 13.—The Democrats censured for Senator to-night. Judge Turpie was named after five ballots. One Knight of Labor refused to be present. McDonald was withdrawn after two ballots. Judge Turpie is at present United States District Attorney. He was in the Senate one month about 1870, and has always been prominent in Indiana politics.

### For Successor to John A. Logan.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 13.—In the joint Republican caucus to choose a successor to General John A. Logan, Charles H. Farwell was nominated on the second ballot. The Democrats held their caucus at half-past seven this evening, and nominated William R. Morrison as the opponent of Mr. Farwell.

### Death Warrant Signed.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 13.—The death warrant of William Josiah McKee, convicted of wife murder, now confined in jail at Mifflintown, Juniata County, was signed by Governor Pattison to-day. March 29 is the day fixed for the execution.

### Heavy Damages Awarded.

DETROIT, Jan. 13.—Engineer John S. Howell, who was injured in April, 1883, in a wreck on the Flint and Pere Marquette road near East Saginaw, Mich., was awarded \$2,000 by a jury. The verdict was rendered Wednesday night.

### Five Prisoners Escaped.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 12.—This afternoon five prisoners, Thos. Howard and Edward Dove, confined for burglary; Geo. Richardson, John O'Brien and Chas. Snowden, confined for larceny, escaped from County jail.

### A Murderer Hanged.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 13.—John M. Wilson was hanged in the jail-yard here at 1:50 o'clock this afternoon for the murder of Anthony W. Dealy. The crime for which Wilson was executed was a most horrible butchery.

### Fell Against a Saw in Motion.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 13.—Wm. J. McCurdy, employed in the saw-mill of Robert McKee, at Blacktown, Pa., fell on a saw in motion and received fatal injuries. He was badly cut up.

### A Light Sentence.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 13.—Jennie Hedrick, convicted of murder as accessory after the fact, was sentenced to-day to three months' imprisonment and \$100 fine.

### Death of Georgia's Chief Justice.

ATLANTA, Jan. 13.—Hon. James Jackson, Chief Justice of Georgia, died at 9 o'clock to-night, aged 67.

## DEFEATED.

### Von Moltke and Bismarck Plead in Vain.

The German Reichstag Refuses to Pass the Seventeen Year Army Bill, and Last Once Dissolved.

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—The fate of the army bill was settled to-day by the Reichstag adversely to the Government, and action was immediately taken to dissolve the Chamber. On the reassembling of the Reichstag, Herr Von Stauffenberg's amendment limiting the duration of the bill to three years was voted upon, and the amendment was carried, the vote being 185 to 154. The Conservatives, Imperialists and National Liberals voted with the minority. The Socialists and most of the Alsatian members abstained from voting. Prince Bismarck immediately read an Imperial message, dissolving the Reichstag.

### VERY ROMANTIC.

August Spies, Condemned Anarchist, to be Married to an Heiress.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Miss Nina Clarke Van Zandt, of this city, will on next Tuesday be married to August Spies, the ex-editor of the *Arbeiter Zeitung*, now under sentence of death for complicity in the Haymarket conspiracy and bomb-throwing. Miss Van Zandt is the only child of Mr. James K. Van Zandt, chemist in a large manufacturing establishment here, and residing in a handsome house in one of the most attractive portions of the city. The fact of the wedding was confirmed to-night by both Spies and the father of the lady. Mr. Van Zandt mentioned incidentally that his daughter is the heiress of an aunt in Pittsburgh, whose estate aggregates in value between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

### His Last Kiss.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 14.—John Ingers, a tailor, died this morning. He had been visiting for a long time a young lady named Miss Theresa Pfeffer, and was engaged to her. The wedding was to take place shortly. Wednesday night he called, and the two lovingly and happily discussed their future. About ten o'clock he rose to go and was kissing his sweetheart good-night, when he experienced a choking sensation in his throat, swooned and fell to the floor. He was carried to a bedroom in the house and medical aid summoned, but after regaining consciousness his throat continued to swell. He was unable to catch his breath, and was finally suffocated to death. His betrothed never left the bedside from the moment of his attack to the time he expired.

### The Boston Borgia.

BOSTON, Jan. 14.—The body of the late Oliver Sleeper, who is supposed to have been one of the victims of Mrs. Robinson, the alleged Somerville poisoner, was exhumed at Mount Auburn to-day, and the internal organs given to medical experts for examination. This is the seventh body that has been disinterred for the same purpose, and in the other six cases large quantities of arsenic have been found. If arsenic is found in Mr. Sleeper's body the investigation will continue, and other bodies will be exhumed. It is alleged that Mrs. Robinson poisoned Sleeper in order to obtain possession of some of his property, and it is stated that at the coming trial of the woman some new and astounding revelations are expected.

### Great Florida Colonization Scheme.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 14.—Negotiations were completed here yesterday by which a Dutch syndicate of bankers in Amsterdam, Holland, acquired from the Florida Land and Mortgage Company, limited, a vast body of timber land in West Florida. The purchase embraces a solid area of nearly 900 square miles heavily timbered. This is the largest single transaction made in the State since the great Disston sale in 1881. The syndicate purpose to form a great Land and Colonization Company, building a railroad into the purchase and colonizing from Holland.

### Cluverius Executed.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 14.—Cluverius, the murderer of Lillian Madison, was executed at 1:30. He died protesting his innocence. At 12:30 p. m. Mr. Beverly Crump returned to the jail from his last visit to the Governor and announced that the Governor refuses to interfere. Speaking through Dr. Hinchin, his minister, Cluverius said that in this moment of death, nothing but grace, had no ill will towards any man on earth. He died by strangulation.

### Roasted Mutton.

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 14.—Yesterday's sparks from an engine set fire to prairie twenty-five miles north of Austin. There has been three months' drought. The grass is dry as tinder and flames spread like lightning before a stiff wind, burning 5,000 acres. A flock of 1,000 sheep was caught in the flames and all were burned. Five hundred no already dead and the balance dying.

### Mysterious Deaths.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Lawrence Krug, suspected of having poisoned his step daughter to obtain life insurance, has buried three wives within two years, all of whom died mysteriously.

### Cut His Throat in Public.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 14.—This morning Rev. John Patterson, pastor of a Presbyterian Church at Cambridge, Wis., cut his throat with a razor while standing in front of the Public Library building, on Grand avenue, and now lies in a precarious condition at St. Mary's Hospital. He was suffering from mental aberration, the result of a severe sunstroke last summer.

### Three Chinamen Burned to Death.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 14.—An old house occupied by Chinese as a lodging-house burned this morning, and three Chinamen who could not escape were burned to death.

## VICTIM OF COCAINE.

### The Terrible Result of the Use of the Insidious Drug—A Doctor Dying Therefrom.

EMERSON, Pa., Jan. 14.—Dr. Charles N. Moore, of Springfield, a hamlet in Erie County, lies dying to-night from the effects of the new drug, cocaine. The circumstances are most distressing, and the doctor's condition is the subject of much discussion among the medical fraternity. The doctor, a man of forty-five and of twenty years' practice applied the drug hypodermically to allay the pain produced by piles. He began it about a year since, and with the desired results. In May he was stricken in a peculiar manner, and lay in a comatose condition while on a trip East. At this time the hallucinations peculiar to the effects ascribed by the use of cocaine appeared in his case. From that on and until a week ago the spells occurred fortuitously, and were characterized by the most distressing mental torture. Eminent medical skill was summoned, and while there was a difference of opinion, the majority believe that the doctor's malady results from the cumulative effects of the insidious poison. The doctor had continued to serve his patients between his spells until early last week, when a prolonged period of suffering left him in a state of imbecility, and during his ravings and battling of imaginary assaults he contracted a severe cold, and pneumonia set in. A feature of his mental disorder was to fix upon an hour of to-day for his dissolution, and so strong was that vagary that his physician placed him under the influence of narcotics and is using every means to tide him over the day.

### Can Spies Obtain a License?

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—"I will not grant the marriage license to Miss Van Zandt to marry Spies," said Eugene Seeger, the marriage license clerk. "The fact of one of the parties being convicted of a felony is declared by statute to be a sufficient ground for divorce." Mr. Seeger went on to explain: "and I think it certainly should bar a marriage. Here is a man with his head in a hatter. I do not think he may lawfully contract and be joined in marriage." However, precedents are very rare, and a court might compel him to grant the license, but until quo warrant proceedings are instituted I will hold my ground."

### Hanged an Insane Man.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Jan. 15.—The brain of John M. Wilson, who was hanged on Thursday for the murder of Anthony Denley, was examined yesterday at the Insane Hospital by Dr. R. H. Chase, assisted by several local physicians, and was found to be abnormally developed in parts and atrophied in others, caused by winter on the brain. A microscopic examination will be made. Physicians believe Wilson was not of sound mind.

### Schooner Blown Up by Powder.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—A schooner with a cargo of a hundred thousand pounds of powder was driven ashore near the Cliff House. After she had been abandoned, the powder was exploded by the ship beating against the rocks. The life-saving and signal stations were demolished and the Cliff House wrecked. Several of the life-saving crew were seriously hurt, but none were killed.

### A Typhoid Patient's Suicide.

ERIE, Pa., Jan. 16.—Lowville, this county, a typhoid patient, suicide this afternoon. Kirk Howard, a young grocery merchant, who was suffering from typhoid fever, while in a delirium escaped from his nurse, and jumping through a window, ran to French Creek, where he drowned himself.

### General Hazen Dead.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—General W. B. Hazen, Chief Signal Officer, United States Army, died at Washington of diabetes comin at 8 o'clock this evening. He suffered from diabetes for some years, but of late has improved in health and strength, and hopes were entertained of his recovery.

### Convicts Quelled with Bullets.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 16.—The convicts at the Dade coal mines mutinied Friday, and were fired upon by the guards. Several were wounded. The warden, Captain Converse, was severely injured with a knife by a furious convict, named Holt. The mutiny was speedily quelled.

### Fell From Her Bed and Died.

NICHOLASVILLE, Ky., Jan. 16.—Miss Emma F. Horine, who had been confined to her room for months, accidentally fell from her bed yesterday evening and died shortly afterwards. She was slowly dying of consumption. The accident hastened the end.

### Gold and Silver in Virginia.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Jan. 16.—Botetourt County is excited over the discovery of gold and silver deposits on the line of the Shenandoah Valley railroad. Assays range from sixteen dollars per ton for surface rock to sixty dollars at a depth of fifteen feet.

### Cholera in Chili.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16.—Senator Gana is in receipt of a cablegram from the Chilean Secretary of State, announcing the fact that cholera has made its appearance in Chili, where it is raging with great violence in the district of Congagua.

### Fatilities at a Crossing.

TATTOOVILLE, Ill., Jan. 16.—James Mclobon and wife were killed by a wild engine on the Washburn, Rock Island and Pacific railroad yesterday. They were coming to this city in a sleigh.

## FORTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

### Second Session.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—SENATE.—After the usual morning business of presenting communications and petitions, resolutions were reported declaring it expedient that action be taken by Congress for the celebration, about April 30, 1887, of the centennial of the adoption of the Constitution. A conference was asked on the bill for the allotment to Indians of lands in severalty.

HOUSE.—A Senate bill was passed for the erection of a public building at Camden, N. J., to cost \$100,000. An oath of office taken by Congressman Aiken, of the Third Congressional District, was presented by Mr. Dibble, who asked that it be received from Mr. Aiken, who was unable to take the oath in the House, on account of sickness. It was referred to the Committee on Judiciary for report. Under the call of States a number of bills were introduced. A resolution was agreed to setting aside Wednesday and Thursday next for the anti-polygamy bill and other Judiciary Committee measures.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—SENATE.—A bill was reported granting right of way through Indian reservations in Montana and Dakota to the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba railroad; also a bill for the relief of military telegraph operators; also to equalize pensions for total disability. Mr. Sherman (by request) introduced a bill to reimburse the depositors of the Freedmen's Bank. A bill was passed for the relief of certain settlers in Kansas and Nebraska. Consideration of the inter-State commerce bill was resumed. Messrs. Harris, Coke and Salisbury favoring, and McPerson opposing the conference report.

HOUSE.—Senate amendments were concurred in to the bill providing for a school of instruction for cavalry and light artillery. The report of the committee on the bill to prohibit the draping of public buildings except upon authority of the President. A bill appropriating \$100,000 for a site and \$200,000 for the erection of a public building in Charleston was passed. Under the call of committees the bill for the relief of Wm. McGarrhan came up from the Committee on Mines and Geology. A point of order that this was a private measure was sustained. Arguments consumed the morning hour without action. A bill creating a Department of Agriculture and Labor was passed—232 to 23.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—SENATE.—House amendments to the bill appropriating \$100,000 for the Camden (N. J.) public building were concurred in. The fortifications bill appropriating \$5,000,000 was submitted. On motion of Mr. Ingalls, the Senate bill to amend Section 3749 of the Revised Statutes, in regard to renting or selling Government property, was taken up and passed. Mr. Manderson introduced the bill to provide for the retirement of officers of the army who served during the war of the rebellion 30 years, as officers or enlisted men, in the volunteer or regular army. Referred. The Inter-State Commerce bill was taken up. Messrs. Call, Hoar, Harris, George and Mitchell spoke. At 4:40 p. m. the Senate went into executive session and adjourned at 6 p. m.

HOUSE.—A bill for an additional Associate Justice in the Southern District of New York was passed. The anti-polygamy bill was reported, and after discussion, passed without division. The Speaker announced the appointment of Messrs. Skinner, Peel and Perkins as conferees on the bill for the allotment of land in severalty to Indians. The floor has been under special order according to the Committee on Judiciary. Mr. Collins (Mass.) called up the bill providing for an additional Circuit Judge in the Second Judicial Circuit. After some discussion it was passed. At 5:30 the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—SENATE.—Among the bills reported and placed on the calendar were the following: For the creation of a monument to the negro soldiers and sailors who died in the service during the war; appropriating \$100,000 for carrying the mails between the United States and Brazil and Central and South America, and appropriating \$300,000 for the jetty at Charleston harbor. A resolution was adopted calling for information from the Secretary of the Treasury as to money paid on account of the prosecution of Government cases from 1879 to 1886, with a list of all officials and employees engaged therein and their services. A bill was passed sending to the Court of Claims the claim of the legal representatives of Henry H. Shibley for the use by the government of the Shibley tent. The Inter-State Commerce bill was then discussed. Senator Evans' speech it was agreed to take



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